

1. The form of the attached bill for the Agency is derived from that of S. 3638 (1956) which was submitted to the Congress by USIA. The portion of the USIA bill utilized by us had, as its purpose, establishment of a career category of information officers similar to that of Foreign Service Officers, as recommended by the United States Advisory Commission on Information. It would have permitted the Director of USIA to give these information officers substantially the same status as Foreign Service Officers with respect to pay allowances, job security, promotion, leave, medical benefits, recreation facilities and retirement.

2. The Committee on Foreign Relations strongly urged, in its report, passage of the bill by the Senate. The Senate passed the bill on 10 May 1956. The bill failed of passage in the House.

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Larson's letter states that the proposed bill is substantially the same as S. 3638. It isn't. I have therefore made dual sets so that you could select the set most suited to your needs. One is modeled after S. 3638, the other after Larson's proposed bill.

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